

Retain Element I. Keep the code requirement for HF access. Retain the CW subbands. Require greater competence for the CW subbands, particularly the Extra-only portions. ARRL polling consistently shows member majority support for retaining the code requirement. CW is the most spectrum-efficient and effective mode. Run before you walk. CW is as basic to communications as basic electronics and knowledge of operating procedure. What you do after learning these things is your business, but don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. Basic proposal is ridiculous and the reasoning is specious. Shame on ARRL and the other VEC's involved. Jan H. Clute  
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